GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Prohibition & Excise Department – Detention under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic substances act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) against Cannabis trafficker - Police Commissionerate, Visakhapatnam City – Detention of Sri Seeram Aakash, S/o Raju, age 21 years, Caste by Vadabalija, R/o Panja Jn, Town Kotha Road, Visakhapatnam City N/o DNo.14-15-284, Eguvapeta, Bheemunipatnam, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh U/Sec 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (EXCISE.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 457 **Dated: 20-05-2025**
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms. No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018.
2.From the Home Department through e-office file bearing no. HOM01-COOR0LEGO/1/2025-LEGAL-I, along with letter of the Commissioner of Police & Additional District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam,Lr.No.7201/MC-III/PIT-NDPS Act/2024, dt.07.12.2024.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam City has reported that adverting to the above subject, the Inspector of Police, I Town PS, Visakhapatnam City has placed before the Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam City and same forwarded to Government about the information regarding a spate of Illegal possession and sale of Ganja by Sri Seeram Aakash, S/o Raju, age 21 years, Caste by Vadabalija, R/o Panja Jn, Town Kotha Road, Visakhapatnam City N/o DNo.14-15-284, Eguvapeta, Bheemunipatnam, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh (hereinafter referred as detenue) for issuing of detention orders u/s 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act,1988 (PITNDPS Act,1988). The residence of the detenue falls within the limits of I Town PS of Visakhapatnam City and the following are the details in the report.

2. He is a habitual offender of illicit cannabis trafficking and generally operates along with his accomplices. Currently, he is actively involved in the clandestine business of smuggling cannabis (Ganja) from tribal areas of neighbouring Districts to the Visakhapatnam city and its surroundings. Despite facing several cases booked against him, he continues to commit offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. He engages in the purchase, storage, sale and illicit trafficking of cannabis (Ganja) in the territorial jurisdiction of Police Commissionerate, Visakhapatnam City and its neighbouring districts. Further, it is to be noted that the detenue is operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the drug consumers are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. Therefore, the activities of the detenue pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

3. Sri Seeram Aakash, S/o Raju, age 21 years, Caste by Vadabalija, R/o Panja Jn, Town Kotha Road, Visakhapatnam City N/o DNo.14-15-284, Eguvapeta,

Bheemunipatnam, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh does not hold any license or permit to deal with any Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. There is a statutory ban on the production, purchase, storage, transport, and sale of cannabis. Despite the ban on illicit drug traffic, Sri Seeram Aakash, S/o Raju along with his associates, engages in clandestine procurement, possession, transport, and sale of cannabis. The detenue and his associates are operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students and in the intoxication of drug, the detenue and his associates are actively involving in heinous offences including snatching, robbery, and extortion and so on. The use and consumption of cannabis pose a severe threat to public health, leading to widespread danger to public lives and resulting in severe psychotic disorders. Therefore, he is involved in "illicit traffic" under Sec. 2 (e)(iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988, and his actions are prejudicial to the public health.

4. Several cases were registered against Sri Seeram Aakash, S/o Raju, age 21 years, Caste by Vadabalija, R/o Panja Jn, Town Kotha Road, Visakhapatnam City N/o DNo.14-15-284, Eguvapeta, Bheemunipatnam, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh at different police stations in Visakhapatnam City. These cases are likely to be considered while issuing orders under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PITNDPS Act,1988), to detain the said individual (detenue) and deter him from committing further criminal activities. He was accused in the following cases:-

S. No	**Cr.No, Sec of law & Name of the Police Station**	**Ganja Seized (in Kg's)**	**Stage of the Case**
1.	Cr. No. 44/2021 U/s 27(a) of NDPS act 1985 of I Town Police Station, Visakhapatnam City.	32 Gms	Acquittal
2.	Cr. No. 174/2023 U/s 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act of I Town Police Station, Visakhapatnam City.	2.0 Kg	Under Investigation
3.	Cr. No. 194/2024 U/s 20(b)(ii)(C) of NDPS Act of I Town Police Station, Visakhapatnam City.	24 Kg	Under Investigation

GROUNDS FOR DETENTION:

1. **Cr. No. 44/2021 U/s 27(a) of NDPS act 1985 of I Town Police Station, Visakhapatnam City.**

This is a mediator reports drafted on 25-01-2021 between 1430 hours to 1530 hours and 1615 hours to 1730 hours at Water Tank, Near Town Hall Old building, I Town Area, Visakhapatnam City and reported on the same day at 1800 hours wherein the complainant K. Srinu, Sub Inspector of Police, I Town Police Station Visakhapatnam City along with the mediators and the I Town PS staff HC 2677, PC 3151, PC 3959, PC 1343, PC 4101 on reliable information reached the above place and found three persons on sight of the police started running away and the complainant and staff got hold of them and questioned them about their details and reason for running away on the sight of police for which they confessed as A1 Seeram Akash, S/o Raju, age 19 years, Caste by Vadabalija, R/o Bhajana Kovela, I Town, Visakhapatnam City and A2 Aakali Pandu, S/o Danayya, age 19 years, Caste by Vadabalija, R/o Kodipandela Veedhi, I Town, Visakhapatnam City and A3

Gangada Meghadeva, S/o Korlayya, age 19 years, Caste by Vadabalija, R/o D.No.23-24-85/1, Kota Veedhi, Visakhapatnam City. Further they told that they have a habit of smoking Ganja and they buys Ganja from some unknown persons at Kobbarithota, Near MVDM school and smoke Ganja and on 24-01-2021 they bought 03 small packets of Ganja worth Rs. 150/- at MVDM school and on 25-01-2020 came to water Tank, Near Town Hall Old building to smoke ganja and as they were removing tobacco out of a cigarette to stuff the Ganja inside the cigarette for smoking, on the sight of police they tried to run away. Further upon the requisition the Tahsildar came to the scene of offence and seized three packets (10 grams, 10 grams, 12 grams) a total of 32 grams Ganja, six cigarettes i.e three stuffed with ganja and three non stuffed and one cigarette lighter and explained them the reasons of arrest and took them into custody.

In this case, the inventory certificate was obtained from the Hon'ble Court and subsequently the sample was sent to the Govt., Chemical Examiner, Visakhapatnam through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that is GANJA. This case was Disposed as Acquittal.

2. <u>Cr. No. 174/2023 U/s 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act of I Town Police Station, Visakhapatnam City.</u>

Occurred on 08.11.2023 at 09:00 hours at Nea Sea Horse Jn, I Town area, Visakhapatnam City and reported on the same day at 11:00 hours wherein the complainant SI 4367 J. Purushotam, Sub Inspector of Police, I Town Police station, Visakhapatnam City, on credible information of illegal possession and transportation of Ganja, the complainant along with his Taskfore staff SIM Radha Krishna and PC 1422, and I Town Staff PC 1212, 2342 and gathered mediators and rushed to Near Sea Horse Jn and found 01 person holding a plastic gunny bag and on sight of Police started running away and when the complainant and staff caught hold of that person and when the complainant questioned him, he told his details as Seeram Aakash, S/o Raju, age 21 years, Caste by Vadabalija, N/o DNo. 14-15-284, Eguvapeta, Bheemunipatnam, Visakhapatnam City, R/o Panja Jn, Town Kotha Road, Visakhapatnam. He further stated that he is a native of bheemili and from past 5 years, he is living with his parents in I Town PS limits. His father is Raju who goes for fishing and mother is Maramma who is a house wife and he has a elder brother by name Anil. He studied till intermediate in AVN College and left the studies. He further stated that he is a rowdy sheeter of I town ps and involved in a Murder case in 2019, Ganja case in 2021 and lastly he involved in 251/2022 U/s 394 IPC and went to remand in July and released after 2 months. Further due to financial issues and to earn easy money, he bought 02 KGs Ganja from an unknown person at Dharmavaram Gramam, Adda Road, Narsipatnam Mandal, Anakapalli District and sells to unknown people in several places in Visakhapatnam by making small packets to earn money. Further took the consent letters from them and checked the gunny bag and found Ganja. Further, sent PC 1212 to weigh the Ganja for which he brought electronic weigh from PS and when weighed the packet it is of and weighed the same as 02 kg Ganja and the complainant took out 100 grams (1a sample of 50grams to Court and 1b sample of 50grams to REL) with signed slip by the mediators and explained the reasons for the arrest of the accused under the cover of a mediators report drafted between 0900 hours and 1030 hours and forwarded the same to PS for necessary action.

In this case, the inventory certificate was obtained from the Hon'ble Court and subsequently the sample was sent to the Govt., Chemical Examiner, Visakhapatnam through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that is GANJA. This case UI for preparation of charge sheet.

3. <u>Cr. No. 194/2024 U/s 20(b)(ii)(C) of NDPS Act of I Town Police Station, Visakhapatnam City.</u>

This is of Ganja intent to transport and sell that occurred on 09.09.2024 between 09:00 and 10:30 hours at Dry Dock, I Town area, Visakhapatnam City and reported on the same day at 11:00 hours wherein the complainant J. Purushotham, Sub-Inspector of I Town Police Station, Visakhapatnam City on credible information of illegal possession and transportation of Ganja, the complainant along with the staff HC-2930, PC's 1579, 3502 and gathered mediators and rushed to Dry Dock, I Town area, Visakhapatnam City and found 02 persons holding 2 gunny bags and on sight of Police started running away and when the complainant and staff caught hold of them and when the complainant questioned and they told their details as A1-Singampalli Satyam @ Akhil, S/o Lakshmana Rao, age-22-years, R/o D.No.17-13-8, Kodipandela Veedhi, Upper Relli Veedhi, Visakhapatnam City, Ph.9985776066, A2-Vallisetti Gurunadh @ Hari, S/o Ramana Late, age-25-years, R/o D.No.22-01-59, Agraharam Street, Town Kotha Road, Visakhapatnam City, Ph.9985476544, while they are in possession of 24 KGs Ganja in two gunny bags and searched them in presence of the mediators and after recording their confession statement, seized the same and also collected 100 grams (50 grams from each bag) of Ganja for onward forwarding to REL for chemical examination and also seized 100 grams (50 grams from each bag) to Hon'ble court and also the accused A1 & A2 confessed that they along with their friends A3- Seeram Akash, S/o Raju, A4- Myapalli Ashok Kumar, S/o Surya Rao and A5-Chodipalli Prabhu Benhar @ Binnu, S/o Appalaraju are decided do ganja business to eam easy money in short period and collected an amount of Rs.55,000/- themselves to purchase ganja at Aruku. On 08.09.2024 the accused A1 & A2 went to Araku and purchased 24 KGs Ganja an amount of Rs.48,000/- (Rs.2,000/- per each Kg) from unknown persons at Chaparai and returned to Visakhapatnam with plan to sell the ganja for business purposes, but before they could do so, they were caught by the police. Then the complainant arrested the accused under the cover of mediators reports drafted then and there from 09:00 hours and 10:30 hours at Dry Dock, I Town area, Visakhapatnam City respectively, duly attested by the signatures of the accused, mediators on it.

In this case the sample was sent to the Govt., Chemical Examiner, Visakhapatnam through letter of advice and the Chemical Examiner examined the same and issued opinion that is GANJA. This case UI for Inventory by Hon'ble Court on Seized Ganja.

5. The Ganja is being possessed and sold by him is causing widespread danger to the public health. Thus, he is involved in "illicit traffic" as classified under section 2 (e) (iii) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act,1988) and acting prejudicial manner to the maintenance of public health. Thus, he is acting as prejudicial to the maintenance of the public health.

6. Apart from the above, the said detenue is involved in 02 more cases in I Town Police Station of Visakhapatnam City of Andhra Pradesh state. Out of such 02 cases, 1 case is ended with Acquittal and 1 case is in Pending Trial before the competent Hon'ble Courts of Law, a Rowdy sheet is opened and being maintained against him vide proceedings in C.No.18/HS/ACP-H/2021, dt.29.08.2021 to maintain surveillance on his movements. Despite continuous watch on his movements, he continues to involve in various crimes including the clandestine trade, transport, possession and sale of Ganja/ Cannabis as defined for illicit traffic mentioned in Sec. 2(e)(iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988.

7. The other following cases that registered against Sri Seeram Aakash, S/o Raju, age 21 years, Caste by Vadabalija, R/o Panja Jn, Town Kotha Road, Visakhapatnam City N/o DNo.14-15-284, Eguvapeta, Bheemunipatnam, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh as stated above:

S.No	Cr.No, Sec of law & Name of the Police Station	Stage of the Case
1.	Cr. No. 170/2019 u/s 302, 452, 380 IPC of I Town P.S., Visakhapatnam City.	PT
2.	Cr. No. 251/2022 u/s u/s 394 IPC of I Town P.S., Visakhapatnam City.	Acquittal

8. In order to effectively control the illegal activities of Ganja trading of the detenue Sri Seeram Aakash, S/o Raju, age 21 years, Caste by Vadabalija, R/o Panja Jn, Town Kotha Road, Visakhapatnam City N/o DNo.14-15-284, Eguvapeta, Bheemunipatnam, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh and to prevent him from committing such offenses in the future, there is no other option but to invoke the provisions of law and detain him under Section 3(1) of The Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PITNDPS Act, 1988).

9. It is evident that Sri Seeram Aakash, S/o Raju, age 21 years, Caste by Vadabalija, R/o Panja Jn, Town Kotha Road, Visakhapatnam City N/o DNo.14-15-284, Eguvapeta, Bheemunipatnam, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh along with his associates, do frequently commit offenses without any hesitation. He is an active member and has been involved in various cases that adversely affect the day-to-day administration of police officials, and his activities can become detrimental to both the police and the public. The detenue and his associates is operating near the colleges and thereby peddling college students. And, in the intoxication of drug, the detenue and his associates are actively involving in heinous offences including murder, robbery and Bodily Offence so on. Therefore, the activities of the detenue pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

10. The prosecution process takes a long time to have an impact on the illicit drug Traffic activities of the detenue under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985. His activities could lead to cannabis tragedies costing many lives of poor people in the Visakhapatnam and its surrounding vicinities, affecting public health, financial and social status, and ultimately public order.

11. The offenders repeatedly resort to illicit drug Traffic offenses for easy and quick money with small investments, disregarding the penalties under the NDPS Act. Catching the offenders is a difficult and laborious process requiring meticulous planning and many man-hours, making it impossible to prevent the immediate recurrence of similar activities. These activities adversely affect the community, creating insecurity and danger to the public's life and health, causing a disturbance in the locality and impacting public health.

12. In view of the above facts enumerated supra, Government after careful examination and in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Principal Secretary to Government under section 3(1)of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) vide G.O.Ms. No. 131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018 do hereby direct under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the said Act that Sri Seeram Aakash, S/o Raju, age 21 years, Caste by Vadabalija, R/o Panja Jn, Town Kotha Road,

Visakhapatnam City N/o DNo.14-15-284, Eguvapeta, Bheemunipatnam, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh shall be detained in Central Prison, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh State until further orders to be received from the Government in order to prevent the detenue from indulging in such dangerous, clandestine and illegal activities prejudicial to the maintenance of public health and as per the provisions laid down under the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988).

13. The grounds of detention in English and Telugu languages and the material in support thereof are being sent herewith to Sri Seeram Aakash, S/o Raju, age 21 years, Caste by Vadabalija, R/o Panja Jn, Town Kotha Road, Visakhapatnam City N/o DNo.14-15-284, Eguvapeta, Bheemunipatnam, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh. The individual has a right to make a representation before the Detaining Authority as per article 22 (5) of the Constitution of India, to the Advisory Board against his detention U/Sec 9 of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and he has also a right to be heard personally by the Advisory Board, if he so desires.

14. The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam is directed to take over the detenue into his custody and lodge him in the Central Prison, Visakhapatnam until further orders from the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam.
Copy to:
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The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003.
The Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam City.
The OSD to the Chief Secretary, A.P. Secretariat, for favour of kind information.
The Inspector of Police, I Town P.S., Visakhapatnam City (To serve the orders on and send the served copy to this office).
The PS to Prl. Secretary, GA (Political) Dept., A.P. Secretariat for favour of information.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Excise) Dept., AP. Secretariat.
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